

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has failed to supply essential commodities to the non-beneficiary families not covered under the Public Distribution System (PDS) during the last four months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the criteria adopted therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the supply of commodities to the nonbeneficiaries belonging to the middle class in the country along with the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): During year 2014-15, Government has allocated 194.04 lakh tons of foodgrains for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, 137.27 lakh tons of foodgrains for Above Poverty Line (APL) families. 218.85 lakh tons of foodgrains has been allocated under National Food Security Act(NFSA). During the current year, a quantity of 12.04 lakh tons of foodgrains has been allocated to the States for families affected by natural calamities, additional requirements projected by the States, etc.

During the second half of the current year a quantity of 20.92 lakh tons of foodgrains has been allocated under Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) viz Mid-Day-Meal (MDM) Scheme, Wheat Based Nutrition Programmes(WBNP), Welfare Institutions/ Hostels, etc. Government has also allocated 100 lakh tons of wheat during the current year under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) out of which a quantity of 40.12 lakh tons has been sold upto March, 2015.